



## 98TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2013 and 2014

SB1742

Introduced 2/15/2013, by Sen. Chapin Rose

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new

Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that the Secretary of Human Services shall seek a waiver from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the State to specify certain foods that may and may not be purchased in Illinois with the benefits funded by the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program), including a general ban on the use of SNAP benefits to purchase foods of minimal nutritional value such as carbonated soft drinks, snack cakes, candies, chewing gum, flavored ice bars, and fried, high-fat chips. Requires the Secretary to consult with members of the General Assembly in developing the waiver and to obtain approval from the General Assembly before implementing the waiver.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning public aid.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Public Aid Code is amended by  
5 adding Section 12-4.4a as follows:

6 (305 ILCS 5/12-4.4a new)

7 Sec. 12-4.4a. SNAP program; waiver to determine food that  
8 may be purchased in Illinois.

9 (a) As used in this Section:

10 "SNAP" means the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance  
11 Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program).

12 (b) The Secretary of Human Services shall seek a waiver  
13 from the United States Department of Agriculture to allow the  
14 State to specify foods that may and may not be purchased in  
15 Illinois with benefits funded by the federal SNAP program,  
16 including a general ban on the use of SNAP benefits to purchase  
17 foods of minimal nutritional value such as carbonated soft  
18 drinks, snack cakes, candies, chewing gum, flavored ice bars,  
19 and fried, high-fat chips. The Secretary shall consult with  
20 members of the General Assembly in developing the waiver and  
21 must obtain the approval of the General Assembly prior to  
22 implementing the waiver.